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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents which were cited by the German Patent Examiner during the prosecution of the corresponding German application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, along with a copy of the German Examination Report.

1. U.S. Patent No. US RE 25 673 E
2. German Patent No. DE 23 32 808 A1

Document 1

U.S. Patent No. US RE 25 673 E entitled, "Container Sorting Apparatus" published on November 3, 1964.

Document 1 is in the English language.

Document 2

German Patent No. DE 23 32 808 A1 entitled, "Vorrichtung zum Umsetzen von Stueckgut aus einer Rollenbahn" published on June 28, 1973.

Document 2 is in the German language.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to or in the Patent Family of Document 2.

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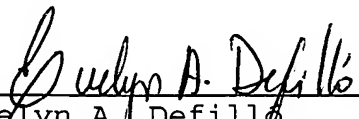
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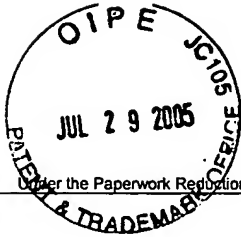
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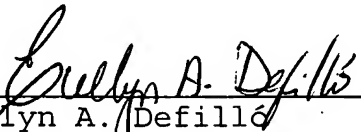
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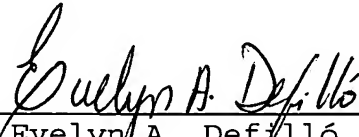
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